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 al·low **Pronunciation Key** (ə-lou')

v. al·lowed, al·low·ing, al·lows

 v. *tr.*

1. To let do or happen; permit: *We allow smoking only in restricted areas.*
2. To permit the presence of: *No pets are allowed inside.*
3. To permit to have: *allow oneself a little treat.*
4. To make provision for; assign: *The schedule allows time for a coffee break.*
5. To plan for in case of need: *allow two inches in the fabric for shrinkage.*
6. To grant as a discount or in exchange: *allowed me 20 dollars on my old typewriter.*
7. Chiefly Southern & Midland U.S.
 - a. To admit; concede: *I allowed he was right.*
 - b. To think; suppose: "We allow he's straight" (American Speech).
 - c. To assert; declare: *Mother allowed that we'd better come in for dinner.*

 v. *intr.*